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Committee on Printing
Hears Letter From W.
M. Rayner.

Supply Business Worth
Half Million Yearly,
He Wrote.

That there was debate among the officers of the Audit System as to the propriety of the system and its connected companies bidding on supplies for the Government Printing Office while the system was an employee of the printer, is what the House Committee on Printing believes is shown by a letter put in evidence yesterday afternoon.

Before the session ended, Chairman Landis had inserted in the record the carbon copy of a letter which, Mr. Landis explained, had been written by W. M. Rayner, general manager of the system, to J. P. Handy, president of the Suffolk Distributing Company and secretary of the Audit System. This carbon copy, he said, had been found in Mr. Rayner's desk at the Government Printing Office where Mr. Rayner had left it when he and his system were summarily ejected from the printer some months ago.

Worth \$500,000 a Year.

The part of the letter pertinent to the committee's investigation of the operations of the system in the Government Printing Office, is as follows:

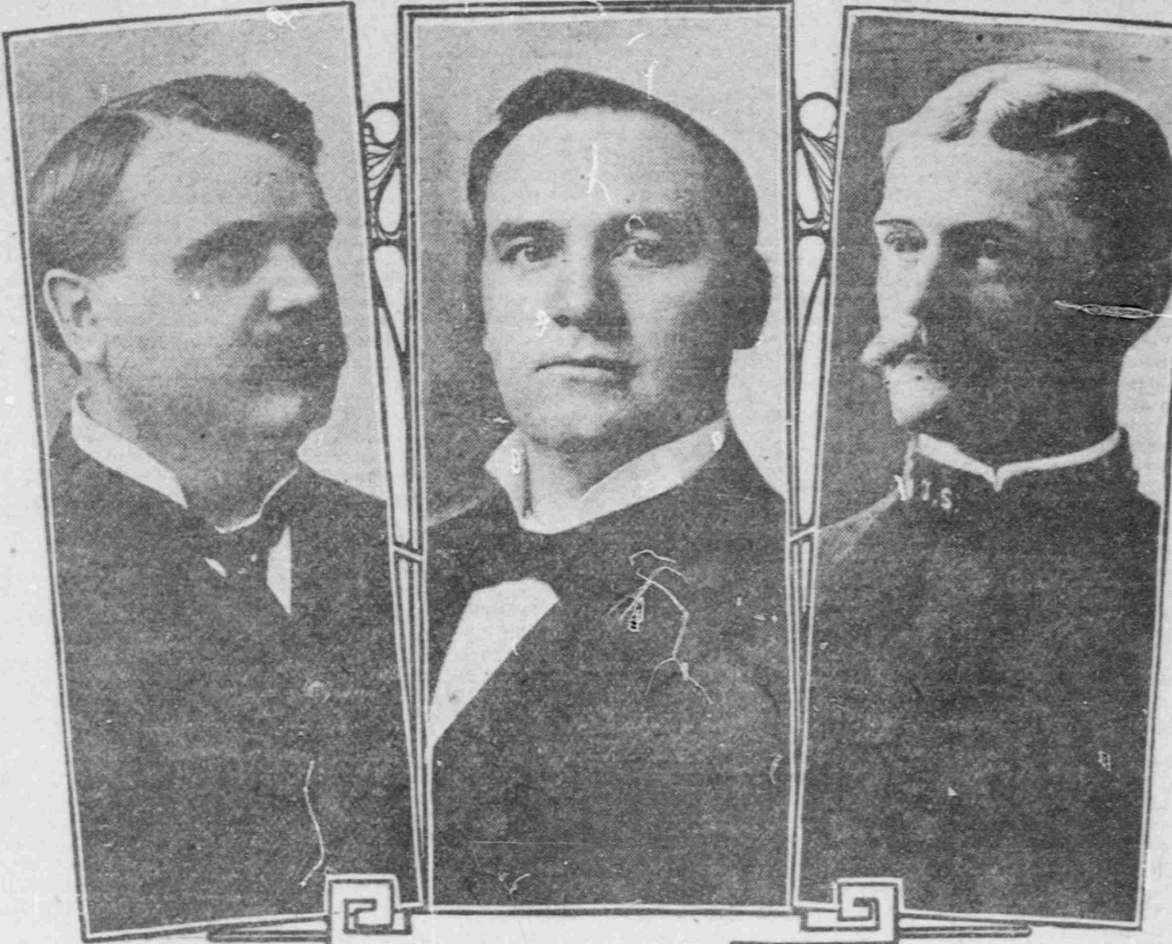
"Apparently there seems to be some idea there in New York that we are poaching about our efforts to secure supply orders here in Washington. I don't like this at all. Unless there is some good reason why we can not, this supply business down here can be worked up to a half million dollars per year without any trouble, if it is properly handled, but I certainly expect some assistance from you in New York when I call for it. Will you kindly take up this matter and see why it is that I can not get prompt answers to these matters when I send them there."

"I do not think it is good policy to let anybody there decide whether we are to bid on the Government's business. I decide that, and no one else. My reasons are good and I generally produce. It certainly makes me sore to get a letter of this kind. I don't like to be sidetracked."

Will Sue for Pay.

Yesterday's session of the committee was called to enable it to gather together a few bits of evidence it desired regarding the technical operations of the system while it was working for the Government at a big salary. During the hearing, W. M. Rayner, who was on the stand, announced, through his attorney, that he intends to sue the Government for the money that would be due him if he had been allowed to finish the time of his contract. Mr. Landis expects to have further meetings in the endeavor to find out how the original contract for the installation of the system in the printer came to be made. He and the members of his committee are not satisfied on this point.

FRIENDS FROM THEIR BOYHOOD DAYS, THE THREE GUARDSMEN GROW CLOSER



GOV. C. E. MAGOON.

SENATOR ELMER J. BURKETT.

BRIGADIER GENERAL PERSHING.

Burkett, Pershing, and Magoon Helped Each Other to Rise.

Up at the Capitol, when anyone talks about "The Three Guardsmen," the wise ones know that reference is made not to Dumas' characters but to Senator Elmer J. Burkett of Nebraska, Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, of the army, and Gov. Charles E. Magoon, of Cuba.

Likewise, when the "Triple Alliance" is mentioned it is taken for granted that allusion is made not to an international combination but to the alliance between the three men named. On the whole, it is one of the most remarkable instances in public affairs of a concert on the part of three persons of distinction to lift each other into elevated official station.

This alliance, offensive and defensive, began fifteen years ago in 1895. Gov. Charles E. Magoon was in Lincoln, Neb., a struggling young lawyer. Pershing was then a captain, commandant of the cadets at the State University at Lincoln. He had graduated from West Point, and had been detailed to the staff in question. His duties did not occupy all his time, and he improved his leisure hours by taking a law course in

the law college of the university. Burkett, who is now Senator from Nebraska, was at that time a fellow-student of Captain Pershing, and the two studied together and were intimate friends. They were joined frequently by Magoon, then a young lawyer, and all became the closest sort of confidants. Magoon was at that time making a study of certain phases of military law in connection with the State militia. He had an ambition to become an expert in the knowledge of military law. Burkett's ambition was for a great career in law or politics. He was fresh from college at Taher, Iowa, where he had won honors as a student orator. He was also a leader in his law class and president of it.

Not less ambitious than his two friends, Captain Pershing was anxious for a military career that would win him the stars of a general. He often declared, back in those days, he was going to be a brigadier general or know the reason why.

The young men discussed their hopes and ambitions, and determined that each, so far as he could, would help the others climb up the ladder. Magoon came to Washington as a law clerk in the Bureau of Insular Affairs in the War Department, and his work brought him constantly in contact with the Secretary of War. His relations were confidential. Burkett was elected

to Congress. Pershing was sent to the Philippines, and eventually put on duty down in Mindanao, just at the time when there was opportunity to do something creditable against the fanatic Mohammedans.

This was the situation along about 1899 and later. Each man stood in a position to help the other. When there was a battle in the Philippines, Magoon found out through his relations just what Pershing was doing and told Burkett. Burkett found excuse to go to the Secretary of War and the President and tell them it was Pershing that was "putting up that fight." No opportunity was lost by Pershing's friends, and Magoon just no opportunity to have things referred by the War Department to the young Nebraska member of Congress. The Secretary of War heard so much from Magoon, and Burkett about Pershing's fighting that he too, mentioned it to the President, and the President heard about it so often that he wanted to see him, and after he had seen him, just a few years ago, Pershing was made a brigadier general. Meanwhile, Burkett had worked for Magoon's promotion in the War Department in every way possible, and Magoon and Pershing lost no opportunity to put in a good word for Burkett.

The three are still young men. One is governor of Cuba, one a United States Senator, and the other has achieved his ambition to be a brigadier general. This triple alliance still exists, and the three men have never forgotten their early loyalty to each other.

FINANCE COMMITTEE THANKS THE PUBLIC

Interest Taken in Relief of
Poor Brings Money for
Summer Necessities.

The Joint Finance Committee of the Associated Charities, Citizens' Relief Association, and the Committee on the Prevention of Consumption, has acknowledged the fact that Washington people as a whole have shown their interest in the care of those in need. To furnish food, fuel, and clothing, and to fight consumption many persons have sent contributions to carry on the work during the summer.

To John Joy Edson, treasurer of the Associated Charities, the Joint Finance Committee transferred the following contributions received at 811 G street northwest:

Miss Julia E. Hardy	\$5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Royal E. Kellogg	5.00
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William P. Downey	2.00
T. C. Spelling	1.00
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John S. Blair	2.00
Allie J. Boynton	2.00
Waugh M. E. Sunday school	2.00
Edward E. Clement	2.00
Mrs. Robert H. Gunn	1.00

For the Citizens' Relief Association, of which Milton E. Allen is treasurer, the Joint Finance Committee has received the following contributions:

William F. Downey	\$2.00
T. C. Spelling	1.00
H. J. Hunt	2.45
First Baptist Church C. E. S.	1.29
Belthay Chapel and C. E. Society	1.25
Westminster Presbyterian Sunday school	2.32
Miss Susan Keen	2.00
West Street Presbyterian Sunday school	1.29
Mr. Horn	1.00
John C. Weedon	2.45
Friend in Post Office	.40
Harry L. Turner	2.45
Church of the Reformation C. E. S.	1.25
George von L. Meyer	2.45
F. H. Bethell	2.45
George B. Rose	.30
Thomas H. Pickford	2.45
W. M. Hays	.25
Mary McFarland	2.45
W. M. Hays	1.25
Mr. Hunt	2.00
Chickie Bey	2.00
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Wrights to Beat World Record With Own Aeroplane, They Say

MANTEO, N. C., May 9.—The Wright brothers said today that the demonstration of their flying machine on the sand dunes near Kill Devil Hill life-saving station yesterday developed some trifling defects in the steering gear which they are confident can be corrected. They began work on a few minor changes, and when they are completed the Wrights expect to beat the world's air navigation record.

The Wright brothers made a successful flight of twenty-five miles yesterday. Their aeroplane rose to a height of 3,000 feet, swung about in the air, rose and fell, dipped and soared with all the ease and grace of a great bird on the wing. No flight of fancy that has pictured man controlling the forces of nature, overcoming the law of gravity and becoming master of the air ever did more than the men did today, sailing above the height of the clouds, going out to sea a distance of eight miles, until the aeroplane was a mere speck.

Fishermen Watch in Wonder.
Looking at the strange heavier-than-air machine as it wheeled about, going now east, now south, then turning and going north, now dipping like a gull in its flight until it was near the sea, then appearing to skim the water, fishermen and a few sightseers along the beach stared in open-eyed wonder.

If there was a doubt about the ease with which a successful flying machine would be able to drop an explosive on the deck of a warship that doubt was dispelled today when the Wright brothers moved their machine up and down the sandspit known as Nags Head. This stretch of sand is twenty-five miles long, and upon it the Wrights, at Kill Devil Hill, have built the enclosure behind which they have worked since from spying eyes.

It was from this point the flight was made yesterday. There was a whirl of

machinery for an instant, and the aeroplane rose out of the enclosure with the inventors in the machine one on each side of a place reserved for the operators. The machine rose rapidly, and when a few hundred feet in the air was sent around in circles. The circles widened out, and then the great gull-like thing sailed straight away down to the end of the stretch of sand and then back to the other end, and then home to Devil's Hill.

Machine Drops Like Bird.
With the precision that an engineer would bring a train to a stop at a station or a trolley car motorman would stop at a crossing for a passenger, the machine was dropped into the yard like a bird settling after its flight.

The test had been a success. Along the coast for miles the sight had been seen, men had wondered what the great thing was in the air. What they had witnessed was nothing to what was to come. In a few minutes the aeroplane was seen rising again. This time the inventors had added a new appliance to it, either for safety or experiment.

The addition resembled the bridge of a ship, but somewhat circular in form. There was a railing that extended half way to the height of a man, and the inventors were in relatively the same positions they were when the flight was made before.

Ability to Turn Tested.
The inventors seemed to desire to test its ability to make sharp turns. They circled and turned, made long and sharp turns. Turns that were at right angles and turns where in an instant they were sailing directly opposite from their former direction were made.

Satisfied on this point, the nose of the aeroplane was pointed out to sea. The distance they rose was higher and higher as they traveled, and it was estimated they were eight miles from land at their greatest distance.

When at their greatest height they suddenly shot down. Their fall, save for the fact that the machine dipped and did not turn, was like that of a tumbling pigeon. Those who saw the machine falling thought an accident had happened. Then it stopped and soared along on an even keel, then rose and repeated the experiment.

Throughout the maneuvers the inventors bent over at times and at other times stood erect, and the other in a stooping position. Their movements seemed to be for the purpose of balancing the machine in its turns and flight.

Wind Did Not Trouble Inventors.

A peculiar thing about the flight of the aeroplane was the fact that although there was a fair wind it did not in any way appear to interfere with the working of the machine. It sailed with and against the wind at will. The trip to sea over, the aeroplane descended to the point where it had been housed and where the workshops of the Wrights are located. After the trial Orville Wright said:

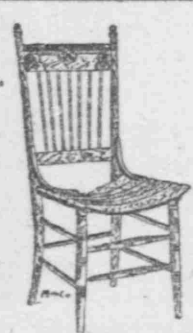
"We are confident of success. We believe we have solved aerial navigation, and are going to prove it. Our past experiments have been all that we could ask for. Anything we attempt in the future will speak for itself. Just as the trial did today. Our aeroplane will sail in any direction. The velocity of the wind will not affect its progress materially."

OSTEND GAMBLING STOPS; FASHIONABLES WILL QUIT

PARIS, May 9.—Americans who have planned to spend part of their time while in Europe at Ostend will find the famous resort practically deserted, because of a Belgian court order suspending all gambling at the Casino.

The proprietor of the gambling palace at the Belgian Monte Carlo, M. Maquet, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and must pay a fine of \$50 for running a gambling resort. He will, of course, appeal, but he dares not open the Casino, and as he has a heavy schedule of the races, and has refused to pay any money to the jockey club this year, there will be no horse racing at Ostend this season.

Thousands of business people who had prepared for the usual spring rush will be ruined by the court's decision, with no attractions left but those of the beach and surf, swell society will, of course, keep away.



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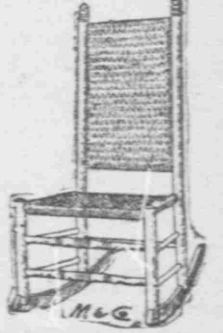
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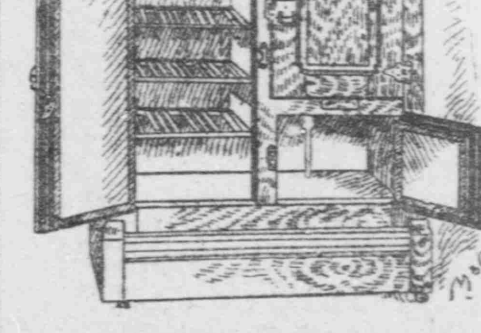
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